

**Minutes of the Work Session ZOOM Meeting
Of the Borough of Chester Heights
222 Llewelyn Road
Chester Heights, PA 19017
February 22, 2021**

Call to Order President Baum called the public meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led those in attendance in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present Drew Baum, President
Ginamarie Ellis, Vice President
Bob Adams, Council
Natalie M. Anderson, Council
Susan Clarke, Council
Dave Firkser, Council
Fred Wood, Mayor

Officials Present Gerald C. Montella, Esq., Solicitor
Mike Ciocco, P.E., S.E.O, Alt Engineer

Public Comment:

Lora Snyder – Gradyville Road
Marta Driscoll – 458 A Lenni Road

Engineer Reports:

Alt Engineer Ciocco presented 240 Wawa Road – Blossom Hill Final Escrow Release:

Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Sub-Total
Clear & Grub	1	27,000.00	27,000.00
E&S	1	40,288.00	40,288.00
a. Sediment Trap 1	1	40,882.00	40,882.00
b. Sediment Trap 2	1	19,532.50	19,532.50
Access & Septic Drive Rough Grade	1	84,400.00	84,400.00
Septic Drive	1	13,035.00	13,035.00
Storm Sewer	1	70,700.00	70,700.00
Infiltration Bed #1	1	32,068.78	32,068.78
Infiltration Bed #2	1	16,418.50	16,418.50
Sanitary Sewer/Septic	1	31,390.00	31,390.00
Lighting	1	36,250.00	36,250.00
Landscaping	1	37,750.00	37,750.00
Engineering	1	19,950.00	19,950.00
10%MPC	1	46,904.00	46,904.00

**Total \$515,939.00
Escrow Amount Remaining \$0.00**

President Baum requested a Motion for the Final Escrow Release, 240 Wawa Road, Blossom Hill, in the amount of \$515,939.00.

MOTION

Upon Motion, (Firkser.Clarke) voted and approved the Final Escrow Release, 240 Wawa Road, Blossom Hill in the amount of \$515,939.00. For the record – Baum, Adams, Anderson, Clarke and Firkser voted Aye, Ellis Abstained.

Resolution Engineers Week:

Presented by Councilwoman Clarke:

Resolution # 02-21-A

Whereas, the week of February 21st through the 27th, 2021 will be observed as National Engineer's Week with the theme, Imagining Tomorrow; and
Whereas, the week is celebrated to salute engineers who make the world a better place, educators who inspire and volunteers who donate more than one million hours of service each year; and
Whereas, Council acknowledges the timely and exceptional professional engineering services provided by Borough Engineer, Matthew Houtmann, P.E. and Alternate Borough Engineer, Michael Ciocco, P.E.; and
Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Borough of Chester Heights hereby joins the Nation in honoring and celebrating the achievements of Engineers during Engineers's Week held February 21st through the 27th, 2021.

Councilwoman Clarke thanked Engineer Houtmann and Alt Engineer Ciocco for their great service to the borough, along with Councilman Firkser and Councilwoman Anderson.

MOTION

Upon Motion, Council (Ellis.Baum) voted and unanimously approved Resolution #02-21-A – a resolution observing National Engineer's Week with the theme, Imagining Tomorrow during February 21st through the 27th, 2021.

Resignation Letter- Alternate Solicitor Peter J. Rohana, Jr.:

Presented by Councilman Firkser:

February 19, 2021 – I, (Peter J. Rohana, Jr.), decided to retire soon and am submitting my resignation as Alternate Solicitor to Borough Council and President Drew Baum, effective March 1, 2021.

It has been my privilege to be of service to the Borough in which I have made my home for the past 31 years. I have no plans to move out of Chester Heights, but have decided that after 50 years of practicing law that it's time to relax and enjoy my next chapter of life.

I will miss the kindness and efficiency that I've experience with you and all of the Borough officials. It is obvious that everyone involved shares a love of the Borough.

Let me know who will take my place and I'll be happy to meet with them and transfer any files I have.

Currently, only a number of tax assessment appeal matters are pending and need to be followed.

Again, thanks for working with me and I look forward to seeing you around town.

Very truly yours, Peter J. Rohana, Jr.

Councilman Firkser thanked Mr. Peter J. Rohana, Jr. for the number of years he has been with the Borough. Anyone interested in the position of Alternate Solicitor please submit letters of interest and resume to the Borough at info@chesterheights.org and information will be posted on social media.

MOTION

Upon Motion, Council (Baum.Ellis) voted and unanimously approved the resignation of Alternate Solicitor Peter J. Rohana, Jr. as of March 1, 2021.

Solicitor Montella expressed his gratitude and appreciation for Alternate Solicitor Rohana assistance over the years.

Solicitor Montella presented: The Verizon/Comcast Franchise Agreement will need to be reviewed for renewal before the end of this year. Solicitor Montella was informed by Maryann Furlong, manager for Chadds Ford Township advised her Township is renewing the same agreement. They hired the Cohen Law Firm for their franchise renewal. Solicitor Montella requested approval from Council to contact, the Cohen Law Firm and Chadds Ford for costs and information regarding the renewal of the borough's franchise agreement.

President Baum requested a Motion to approve Solicitor Montella to contact Cohen Law Firm for information and costs of renewing the borough's Verizon/Comcast Franchise Agreement ending on or about December 31, 2021.

MOTION

Upon Motion, Council (Adams.Anderson) voted and unanimously to approved Solicitor Montella to contact Cohen Law Firm/Chadds Ford Township for informational purposes of franchise renewal agreement.

Ordinance/Code Review:

Councilwoman Clarke updated Council on Medical Marijuana Dispensaries – draft Ordinance: As of now the draft Ordinance has not been completed but through discussion of locations for dispensaries and indoor grow areas are being drafted in the Ordinance. Solicitor Montella is working on, finalizing the draft Ordinance together with the prospects of presentation at March's work session meeting. Also Engineer Houtmann needs to assist in map locations to guide the borough. President Baum also inquired if operation hours could be restricted for medical marijuana dispensaries. Solicitor Montella informed Council this limitation would be considered when an application for this type of dispensary, goes before the Zoning Hearing Board for a special exception, at that proceeding hours of operation, are addressed.

Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract:

Roadmaster Ward presented the Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract is up for renewal. The contract is with Higgins & Sons, \$680.00 a year. The contract provides an analysis of all borough owned traffic lights in the borough.

Reports are presented to borough Council and Engineer. The contract is yearly and what was presented to Council was extending the 1 year term to a 3 year term. As soon as Higgins submits the contract renewal Council can then proceed.

Old Business:

Councilman Firkser informed Council the Fire Company requested their first payment for the Water Rescue Equipment in the amount of \$8,500.00 to be released for March 2021.

New Business:

Vice President Ellis announced that Council received two emails from the Fire Company about the upcoming fire training events. Fire Company President Sam Iannucci reported there are, two fire training events coming up, the first is Airpac recertification training and also invited Council to participate. This event is at the Chester County Fire Training Center. Anyone interested would need to let Mr. Iannucci know in advance because number in attendance is needed. The second event is on cold water rescue training, which include iced over pools, ponds etc. Mr. Iannucci encouraged Council to participate or residents who are interested in becoming members.

Additional period for Public Comment:

ADJOURNMENT: **Upon Motion, Council (Ellis.Clarke) voted and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.**

Land Development Dates: Rose Hill Lot Line, Submitted Plans 09/24/20, Reviewed Planning Commission 10/22/20, Extension 01/20/21.

Respectfully Submitted,
Darlene Kurten, Recording Secretary